

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Brandeis

PIONEERING RESEARCH AND MENTORED TEACHING.

WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Brandeis University, founded in 1948, is named for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis and reflects the ideals of academic excellence and social justice that he personified. After its founding, Brandeis quickly established an international reputation through prominent early faculty members such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Leonard Bernstein, and through election to the distinguished Association of American Universities (which comprises the 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada).

In the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences' first year (1953), 42 students were registered in four areas of study: chemistry, Near Eastern and Judaic studies, music composition and psychology. Today, Brandeis has more than 900 graduate students in over 40 programs, and more than 6,500 alumni have received a master's, doctorate or postbaccalaureate from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Across the university as a whole, approximately 3,400 undergraduate students and more than 1,300 total graduate students pursue their academic goals on our 235-acre suburban campus in Waltham, Mass., located nine miles outside of the educational hub of Boston.

Graduate Admission

Each department and program makes its own admissions decisions and sets its own application deadlines. Please see our website for more information: www.brandeis.edu/gsas.

GSAS ENROLLMENT

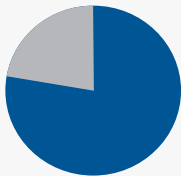
Matriculated students	943
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DEMOGRAPHICS

Full time	920
Part time	23
Ph.D.	513
Master's/postbaccalaureate	430

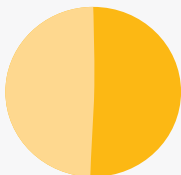
GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN

- U.S. = 715
- International (47 countries) = 228



GENDER

- Women = 490
- Men = 453



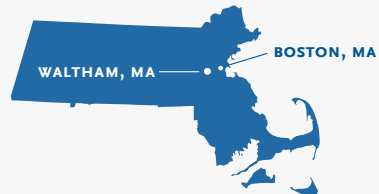
GSAS FACULTY

For more information about our 415 faculty members, including Pulitzer Prize winners, MacArthur "Genius" Award recipients and members of leading scientific academies, please visit www.brandeis.edu/facguide.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Over 90 percent of Brandeis University non-Ph.D. graduate students received tuition scholarships through either need- and/or merit-based financial aid. Nearly 100 percent of incoming doctoral students received multiyear scholarships that provide stipends and health insurance.

LOCATION



DISTANCES FROM...

Boston	9 miles
Boston Logan Airport	25 minutes
Providence TF Green Airport (Rhode Island)	1 hour
Manchester Airport (New Hampshire)	75 minutes
JFK Airport (New York)	3 ½ hours

Statistics are expected to be valid through fall 2015.

AREAS OF STUDY



Michiel van Veldhuizen, M.A., ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES

"My education, including the teaching and commitment of professors and staff to individual students, seems limitless here at Brandeis. I gained most of my academic development from the faculty's incredible dedication and small-scale, personal style of teaching."

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences offers 18 doctoral programs and more than 40 master's and postbaccalaureate programs:

Ancient Greek and Roman Studies
(M.A., POSTBACCALAUREATE)

Anthropology (M.A., PH.D.)

Biochemistry and Biophysics (M.S., PH.D.)

Biotechnology (M.S.)

Chemistry (M.A., M.S., PH.D.)

Comparative Humanities (M.A.)

Computational Linguistics (M.A.)

Computer Science (M.A., PH.D.,
POSTBACCALAUREATE)

Education: Elementary; Secondary;
Jewish Day Schools (M.A.T.)

English (M.A., PH.D.)

Genetic Counseling (M.S.)

Global Studies (M.A.)

History (M.A., PH.D.)

Jewish Professional Leadership
(DUAL MASTER'S PROGRAMS)

Mathematics (M.A., PH.D., POSTBACCALAUREATE)

Molecular and Cell Biology (M.S., PH.D.)

Music Composition and Theory
(M.A., M.F.A., PH.D.)

Musicology (M.A., M.F.A., PH.D.)

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (M.A., PH.D.)

Neuroscience (M.S., PH.D.)

Philosophy (M.A.)

Physics (M.S., PH.D.)

Politics (M.A., PH.D.)

Premedical Studies (POSTBACCALAUREATE)

Psychology (M.A., PH.D.)

Sociology (M.A., PH.D.)

Studio Art (POSTBACCALAUREATE)

Teaching Chinese (M.A.)

Teaching Hebrew (M.A.)

Theater Arts: Acting (M.F.A.)

Women's and Gender Studies
(M.A., JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAMS)

Joint Ph.D. Programs

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies/
Sociology
Sociology/Social Policy

Dual Master's Programs

Hornstein Jewish Professional
Leadership with:
Business Administration (M.A./M.B.A.)
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
(M.A./M.A.)
Public Policy (M.A./M.P.P.)

Joint Master's Programs

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies/
Coexistence and Conflict
Women's and Gender Studies with:
Anthropology (M.A.)
English (M.A.)
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (M.A.)
Public Policy (M.P.P.)
Sociology (M.A.)
Sustainable International
Development (M.A.)

Education Concentrations

Master of Arts in Teaching in:
Elementary Education
Public Schools, Jewish Day Schools
Hebrew
Jewish Day Schools
Secondary Education
Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, English,
History, Math, Physics, Tanakh/Bible

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FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION



Daniel Donatucci, PH.D., ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE WITH JOINT M.A., WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

“Saying that I’m grateful for the funding I receive at Brandeis is an understatement. I very much value the resources that are available to me through both GSAS and my department. Prospective students who are limited by finances should definitely consult with the university for guidance.”

Your decision to pursue a graduate degree no doubt must consider many factors, including cost. At Brandeis, we strive to make your graduate education affordable, and we have a number of options to assist you in your decision-making process.

Master's and Postbaccalaureate Students

An investment in a master's degree or a postbaccalaureate program can greatly enhance your skills in a given discipline and increase your market-ability. If you plan to pursue a doctoral degree, the master's at Brandeis provides an important credential. The Brandeis Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is dedicated to assisting students in achieving their academic goals, regardless of their financial situation. Prospective sources of funding include:

- **Scholarships:** Most applicants (full- and part-time, international and domestic) are automatically considered for and receive a generous range of scholarships that provide partial tuition remission.

- **Assistantships and Fellowships:**

Some master's programs award teaching, research and administrative assistantships and fellowships to outstanding applicants.

Doctoral Students

Most of our doctoral students enroll full-time and are funded for five years. Funding includes a full-tuition scholarship, a competitive stipend in return for teaching and/or research, and health insurance benefits. The number of

fellowships varies by program, but you will find them to be competitive with other research institutions in large, metropolitan cities.

For All Graduate Students

- **Loans:** Many students use loans to pay for part of their tuition or to supplement living expenses. GSAS staff can provide you information on federal loans for qualifying U.S. citizens and permanent residents, including Federal Stafford Loans (requiring FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; go to www.fafsa.ed.gov) and Graduate PLUS loans. They can also refer you to Brandeis' BorrowSmart tool and other helpful resources for private (nonfederal) educational loans. Visit brandeis.edu/gsas for the most up-to-date information.

- **Student Employment:** Graduate students may work on campus to earn additional money during their time at Brandeis. Student Financial Services hosts a large database of on-campus jobs that are available to all students enrolled half-time or more. Faculty advisers and current students in your program can give you a sense of how much time may be available to you for on-campus employment.

Cost-of-Attendance Calculator

Find an interactive cost-of-attendance calculator with the most up-to-date tuition expenses at brandeis.edu/gsas.

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At Brandeis, we seek out the brightest and most talented individuals in their respective fields. You will find the admission process to be a personal one, often consisting of multiple interactions with admission professionals and faculty. Acceptance to our graduate programs is highly selective and competitive, and we spend quality time reviewing each application for an academic and personal fit. We select individuals to study with us who will excel in their chosen field and complement our current student population, as well as fit in intellectually with the faculty and subfields at Brandeis.

We encourage you to be in touch with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and your department before, during and after the admission process. You will find our faculty members approachable and responsive, qualities that represent part of the Brandeis charm: close interactions in a tight-knit, yet rigorous, environment.

Visiting Campus

Perhaps you need to step onto campus and meet with professors and other students before you can confidently make a decision about your future. If so, we urge you to visit us! If you wish to attend a class or meet with professors in your department, we invite you to contact your program of interest.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

While admission requirements vary by department, a number of pieces are standard across all programs. Gener-

ally, doctoral programs admit only for the fall semester and have admission deadlines between Dec. 1 and Jan. 15. Many of our master's and postbaccalaureate programs review applications on a rolling basis for admission the following fall, but some have tighter deadlines. Additionally, some of these programs begin in the spring and summer semesters.

All programs require the completion of the GSAS online application; payment of an application fee; and submission of a personal statement, resumé or curriculum vitae and letters of recommendation. Many programs require entrance exams (GRE, GMAT, Miller Analogies Test or departmental exam) and an academic writing sample, and some also require interviews.

Admission committees do not look solely at one piece of your application; rather, admission to Brandeis is based on a holistic approach. Applications are reviewed on the basis of the applicant's entire history — academic, personal and professional. Although academic achievement is certainly vital to the admission process, we also depend greatly on your personal statement, writing sample and letters of recommendation, which provide insight into your reasons for pursuing a graduate program at Brandeis, your ability to work with others, your professional and academic potential and your writing ability.

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CAREER SERVICES



Kim Fanelli, M.S., GENETIC COUNSELING

"I was able to receive one-on-one assistance, which helped me to land a job in my desired profession even before graduation. Working in a prestigious hospital with many Brandeis alumni fosters the sense of community that goes beyond the physical campus."

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences' Career Services office helps you explore career options and acquire job-search skills while at Brandeis and as you prepare to enter the workforce. We provide individual advising, which includes assistance with your résumé, curriculum vitae, cover letters and other job-search documents, and we help you create a personalized, strategic job-search plan. Workshops, events and an array of resources (such as career fairs, forums, employer site visits and mock interviewing) better equip you with the requisite knowledge to develop your career, explore personal and professional goals, and position yourself in the job market. We assist you in cultivating your professional network by helping you connect with alumni, employers and other experienced professionals.

GSAS students also have access to specialized Web resources, such as GradHIRE, Biocareers.com and VersatilePhD, among others.

Take advantage of what the GSAS Career Services office has to offer you during your time at Brandeis and beyond.

GSAS students have pursued satisfying careers within and outside of academia. Recent employers include:

Apple
 Boston Symphony Orchestra
 California Council on Science and Technology
 Drew University
 Florida Southern College
 Genzyme
 GlaxoSmithKline
 Institute for Community Health
 Journal of Children and Media
 Manhattan College
 MITRE
 National Institutes of Health
 New England Conservatory
 Newton (Mass.) Public Schools
 NMR Group
 Northwestern University
 Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research
 Overdrive Interactive
 PerkinElmer
 PlayScience
 Sentient Decision Science
 Staples
 State Street
 Tufts University
 University of Florida
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
 Vertex Pharmaceuticals
 Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry
 Yale University

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Stephen Alkins, M.S., PH.D., NEUROSCIENCE

“I was astounded at the amount of assistance Brandeis provided regarding diversity, transportation, housing and health care. Much of this information was readily available and disseminated, which made the transition process easier.”

Life as a graduate student no longer involves just the classroom. At Brandeis, you will become part of a community that is strengthened by life both within and outside of classroom, laboratory and studio walls. As a result, we have created a number of support services for you to use that serve to complement your academic experience.

The Office of Graduate Student Affairs supports life on campus for graduate students outside of the classroom and serves as a liaison between graduate students and the university administration. This office works to coordinate events and programming among the graduate schools, advises and assists the Graduate Student Association and the Graduate Student Senate, offers programming throughout the year and runs a number of orientation activities in the fall. Programs to enhance students' social and academic lives are planned throughout the year and cover topics such as writing for publication, designing a research paper or topic, navigating the health-care system, career planning and more.

Health and Fitness

At Brandeis, we provide the necessary tools to manage your own health care and mental and physical health. Counseling services, complimentary fitness center access and a variety of health insurance options help to support your well-being during your time at Brandeis.

Housing

Almost all students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences live in off-campus housing, which offers more comfort and better access to amenities, and is often less expensive than university housing. The majority of graduate students live either in Waltham or the Porter Square area of Cambridge and Somerville. These locations have large student populations, affordable rents and many local services and restaurants, and they are easily accessible to Brandeis by public transportation.

Transportation

Boston is a walking city, and, with Waltham just a short commuter rail ride away, you have access to Boston's cultural neighborhoods and city conveniences. We offer a number of options for transportation to and from Brandeis, including discounted subway and commuter rail passes, local bus service and the Brandeis Van. Student parking is also available on campus.

Graduate Student Centers

We invite you to visit the Graduate Student Center, located on the first floor of Kutz Hall. You may stop by to use a locker, check your email and find a quiet spot to work or meet with other students. A flat-screen TV, computer workstations and kitchenette facilities allow our graduate students to take a break from their lab, classroom or teaching responsibilities. In addition, a study space in Gerstenzang is reserved solely for graduate students.

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LIFE IN THE BOSTON AREA



PH.D., ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

“When I’m not on campus working, I want to be immersed in the life of the city. Boston is a lively city with many of the cultural experiences that I value: theater, museums, cinemas, parks, historical and architectural gems and so on. And there’s still so much to explore and do in this city!”



Brandeis is located in what can be described as the perfect location — just far enough from the epicenter of Boston for you to feel relaxed, but close enough that you can immerse yourself in the city’s rich culture, vitality and nightlife. Located nine miles west of downtown Boston, Waltham is alive with history, international flavor and New England charm.

With such an extraordinary concentration of institutions of higher learning within miles of our campus, it is no wonder our students feel surrounded by academia. You will have access to countless resources at Brandeis and beyond through classroom interaction, libraries, museums and artistic events. Our membership in the Boston consortium allows you to take courses at Tufts University, Boston University and Boston College, thus enhancing your Brandeis experience.

Brandeis students live in a variety of off-campus settings in Waltham, Cambridge, Watertown, Boston and

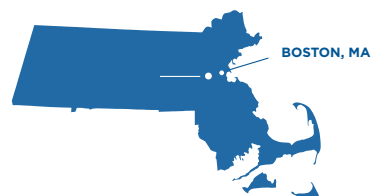
other suburbs surrounding the campus. An MBTA commuter rail stop abuts our campus, connecting you to the most historic subway and trolley car network in the country. Because Boston is considered one of the best walking cities in America, you will find that a car is not a necessary amenity. Boston combines European-style architecture with the dynamism and energy of an American center of technology, business and academia.

We encourage you to be in touch with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate Student Affairs office to discover all that the Boston and Waltham areas have to offer you.

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THE DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE



Carrie Robertson, M.A., PH.D., PSYCHOLOGY

“I have found faculty and staff to be extremely welcoming, understanding and accommodating. In addition, graduate workshops on a host of relevant topics — from research resources to grant writing to presenting your research — are a fantastic complement to classroom learning.”

Doctoral students truly call Brandeis home. After all, many of them spend five or more years studying on our campus, living in the Boston area and researching with our renowned faculty members. The pursuit of a Ph.D. at Brandeis is one that you will find not only intellectually fulfilling but stimulating and challenging as well.

The doctoral degree is often a requirement for most academic positions in higher education, and it also enhances your qualifications for nonacademic careers in public and private organizations — from service in the federal government to the private sector. Our emphasis on research, writing and public speaking provides you with skills that are critical for every career path.

Resting at the core of our doctoral programs is the philosophy of mentorship. Small classes give you the opportunity to work closely with a distinguished senior scholar. Before you set foot on campus, you will find that you have one-on-one contact with faculty members and departmental staff, which creates a strong sense of academic community. Faculty members work with each student to find the appropriate balance between guidance and independence to ensure that you are able to forge your own research after having done the appropriate groundwork.

Most of our doctoral students are funded fully for five years, which includes a tuition scholarship, health insurance and a competitive fellowship. Fellowships provide our graduate students with the opportunity to teach undergraduates, both under the direction of a cooperating professor or in a classroom of their own. Additional teaching and research opportunities that become available during the dissertation writing stage serve to enhance your credentials both academically and professionally. The quality of our doctoral programs in the humanities, arts, computational sciences, life sciences, social sciences and physical sciences ensures that you will complete your program with a full command of your field and appreciation for originality and innovation in your research.

As you embark on the application process, we encourage you to be in touch with professors who share your research interests. Visit the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences website for updated biographies, departmental information, research areas and degree information. We look forward to receiving your application.

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MASTER'S AND POSTBACCALAUREATE



Eziwoma Alibo, M.S., BIOTECHNOLOGY

“What I like best about Brandeis is the attention you get from advisers, professors and tutors. People want you to succeed. The professors cared for my input. I learned so much from my interactions with both the professors and the students. Everybody here is such a scholar.”

At Brandeis, you will make your mark. A master's or postbaccalaureate program at Brandeis ripens your professional skills or prepares you for further academic study. Brandeis has a variety of graduate programs that encourage innovative, exciting new projects of interdisciplinary research and teaching. Your time here will be rigorous and fruitful, with hands-on research and experiential learning sitting at the core of many of our disciplines.

Master's Programs

A master's degree can put you steps above your peers in the workplace and will significantly enhance your qualifications if you plan to pursue a full-time doctoral program. We offer rigorous professional and predoctoral programs that sharpen your skills in the social sciences, humanities, arts, education, natural sciences, computational sciences and physical sciences. With an emphasis on small classes and faculty mentorship, we offer the opportunity to work closely with our distinguished senior scholars.

On average, our master's students are here for four semesters, but many programs may be completed in one year. Because your time here is short and intense, we offer a number of ways to support you both inside and outside the classroom: a wide array of intensive workshops to develop graduate-level skills; funding to sponsor research for master's theses; travel funds to present at scholarly conferences; and intensive career services for professional development.

Postbaccalaureate Programs

Postbaccalaureate programs greatly enhance your skills in a given discipline. Especially if your undergraduate coursework did not include the prerequisites needed to pursue a graduate degree in a particular discipline, a postbaccalaureate program will provide you with the skills necessary for such advanced programs. Students in a postbaccalaureate program often have honed their skills and made themselves more qualified for graduate study.

Financing Your Education

There is no doubt that a graduate degree is an investment in a future of professional, academic and artistic work. To help make this invaluable investment possible, many of our students receive partial need- and merit-based scholarships. For more information, look for the financial aid information included in this package or visit the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences website.

Please contact the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences or your department of interest for more information about Brandeis. We look forward to receiving your application.

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